

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

TO: CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS
FROM: MIKE PRINZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR REGIONAL OPERATIONS,
SANTA ROSA WATER
SUBJECT: FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. F002459 –
ACCEPTANCE OF BIOSOLIDS AND LAND APPLICATION WITH
GILARDI & JACOBSEN AG SERVICES, INC.

AGENDA ACTION: MOTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, approve the First Amendment to Agreement No. F002459 (Agreement) for Acceptance of Biosolids and Land Application, with Gilardi & Jacobsen Ag Services, Inc. (Gilardi & Jacobsen) to increase compensation in the amount of \$5,721.00 to account for increase in the San Francisco Area Consumer Price Index (CPI) and replenish the funds used for last year's activities in the amount of \$88,279.00 for a total increase of \$94,000.00, with total maximum compensation of \$208,418.95 (two hundred and eight thousand four hundred and eighteen dollars and ninety-five cents).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This First Amendment to the Agreement implements an annual adjustment to compensation based on CPI along with an annual budgetary replenishment. The City has historically contracted with Gilardi & Jacobsen, who will continue to provide the necessary equipment and personnel for spreading the biosolids generated by the Laguna Treatment Plant (LTP) at various locations.

BACKGROUND

Santa Rosa Water's Biosolids Management System includes beneficial reuse of approximately two thirds of the biosolids generated at LTP via direct application of Class B biosolids onto Sonoma County farmlands. Land application of biosolids supplies valuable nutrients to croplands and ultimately enhances fodder crop production.

Federal 503 regulations for biosolids agricultural land application require the addition of agricultural lime for soil pH adjustment as needed. Agricultural lime is purchased by the City and delivered to the farms where it is staged prior to spreading.

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Under the Agreement, Gilardi & Jacobsen provide biosolids and lime spreading service to the City on properties that are owned and leased by them, in addition to properties in Southern Sonoma County that are owned by the City. Gilardi & Jacobsen continue to perform services satisfactorily and are familiar with and adhere to Federal 503 and State General Order Regulations.

PRIOR BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW

The Board of Public Utilities originally approved the Agreement on April 7, 2022 for a term of five years, with the option to extend for an additional four years.

ANALYSIS

This is the First Amendment to the Agreement, the primary purpose of which is to implement an annual adjustment to compensation based on CPI and to replenish the annual budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this operational expense have been allocated in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 operations and maintenance budgets of Santa Rosa Water and will be similarly proposed in future years.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This contract amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that implementation of this action may have a significant impact on the Environment. However, spreading of City-generated biosolids and agricultural lime is part of the City's Biosolids land application project on City-owned and private lands, which has been determined to be consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to (1) Residuals Processing Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted in 1997, (2) the Santa Rosa Subregional Sludge Beneficial Use Project Program EIR certified in 1991, (3) the Management Plan for the Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids by Land Application CEQA TM 2.2 adopted in 1993, and (4) the South County Biosolids Reuse MND adopted in 2010. The project was included in the scope of previously adopted environmental documents and no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

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NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – First Amendment to Agreement No. F002459

PRESENTER

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